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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

SUBJECT: WAEPA INSURANCE

1. In a telephone conversation today with Mr. Driscoll, Deputy Director, Bureau of Employees' Compensation, we discussed the possible conflict between the Federal Employees' Compensation Act and WAEPA insurance. Since WAEPA insurance is underwritten by a private company, he did not feel that payment of benefits under WAEPA would preclude payment of benefits under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, provided payments were made by the individual. However, in those cases where the premium was paid by the Government, in WAEPA, then there would be a conflict which would require an election on the part of the employee's beneficiaries, and they would be entitled to either the FECA or the WAEPA benefits, but not both.

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